



**MINUTES OF THE
STATE OIL AND GAS COUNCIL
Missouri Geological Survey
Mozarkite Conference Room
111 Fairgrounds Road
Rolla, Mo.
January 21, 2015**

Open Session Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. John Madras, Clean Water Commission and Chairman; Dr. Shari Dunn-Norman, Missouri University of Science and Technology and Vice Chairwoman; Mr. David Bleakley, Missouri Independent Oil and Gas Association; Mr. Joe Gillman, Missouri Geological Survey; Mr. Bill Ransdall, Missouri Department of Economic Development; Mr. John Borgmeyer, Missouri Public Service Commission as proxy for Mr. Robert Kenney

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: None.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. William Luebbert, Public Member

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ms. Brook McCarrick, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Carey Bridges, Geological Survey Program Director; Mr. Larry Pierce, Geologic Resources Section Chief; Mr. Chris Vierrether, Energy Resources Unit Chief; Ms. Connie Edwards, Geological Survey Program Executive and State Oil and Gas Council Secretary; Mr. Don Willoh, Missouri Department of Natural Resources' General Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Joe Taglieri, Running Foxes Petroleum; Ms. Joan Levick, Laclede Gas Co.

With a quorum being present, the open session was brought to order by Chair Madras at 10:04 a.m. Chair Madras introduced the State Oil and Gas Council members and asked for guest introductions.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2014, MEETING

Mr. Gillman offered a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on July 16, 2014. Dr. Dunn-Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Carey Bridges, Director, Geological Survey Program, updated the Council on the commissioner training and governor's conference. Chair Madras asked council members to let him know if additional commissioner training is needed in a certain area. Ms. Bridges also gave an update on the following: Brook McCarrick, the Council's current legal counsel; The State of Missouri's Natural Resources magazine and other recent published articles; 2015 as the Year of Water; reorganization within the department; upcoming legislation; GeoSTRAT updates; FACT sheets; current rulemaking efforts; bonding and enforcement compliance processes; online updates and staff service awards. The quarterly oil and gas production updates were presented as follows: 127 permits to drill, 3 mechanical integrity tests performed, 312 public inquiries received, oil production 118,484 barrels and gas production 5,744 mcf as of September 30, 2014.

OSBORN ENERGY

Mr. Pierce, Chief, Geologic Resources Section, updated the Council on the status of Osborn Energy LLC's 24 abandoned wells in Cass County. The bond was pulled and deposited into the oil and gas remedial fund. Staff are currently working with the Office of Administration (OA) on bidding process to plug the wells. The announcement was sent to 41 vendors and a site visit was made available. The project bidding closed on January 15. OA anticipates the bid will be awarded by January 31.

STATE OIL AND GAS COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. David Bleakley, Committee Chairman, gave an update on the rulemaking status. Discussion was made on the next steps of the rulemaking process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Madras asked if anyone had anything they would like to bring before the Council. No other business.

SCHEDULING AND LOCATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Madras announced the proposed meeting dates for 2015. After discussion, Mr. Ransdall made a motion to hold the next meeting April 15, 2015, in Jefferson City, Mo. Dr. Dunn-Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Ransdall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Dunn Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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